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COUNTRY Soviet zone of Germany

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TOPIC Cottbus airfield

EVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 22 and 23 February 1950 25X1

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1. Thirty-two twin-engine aircraft fitted with in-line engines and double rudder assembly, the same type as previously observed there, were parked at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield on 22 February 1950. Three of these planes took off in unfavorable weather at 4:15 p.m. heading northeast. Several detonations were heard from this direction at 4:45 p.m., but the landing of the aircraft was not observed.

2. There was no flying at the field on 23 February 1950 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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3. Thirty-two twin-engine aircraft (gray-blue paint, glazed cockpit) were parked at the field on 22 February 1950. There was no flying between 9 a.m. and noon. Radio stations and AAA emplacements were not seen.

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Comment:

a. The number of aircraft observed by both sources is in agreement and therefore seems credible. Other aircraft are assumed to be housed in the hangars. From previous information two regiments of the 301st Bmr Div are assumed to be stationed in Cottbus.

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c. From para 3, according to which the observed aircraft had glazed cockpits, it is inferred that they were of Pe-2 type.

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